



DON SCHELLIE

Rock 'n' Roll is not the exclusive property of teenagers. So says Esther Brase—NOT a teen-ager—who claims a chunk of music in the frenzied manner for her very own.

A gentle, soft-spoken woman with ginger-colored hair that is threaded with gray, Miss Brase likens R 'n' R to the Ragtime of her youth. But with a different beat.

Jazz and swing? Terrible. "They take a beautiful melody and add 105 notes that don't belong, bang the drum too much and there you have it. Jazz. It doesn't make sense," she said.

A pronounced beat, a beautiful melody and pleasant lyrics; this is the stuff of good Rock 'n' Roll, she says.

Miss Brase became interested in this type of music about six years ago, and for some time now, she has been writing Rock 'n' Roll song lyrics, though none has been sold. "Long Distance, Please," her favorite to date, has been set to music and made into a demonstration recording:

"Long distance, please, give me Glamor City,
My love is there with her sweet, sweet smile,
Blue, blue eyes and golden hair.
Long distance, please, won't you kindly hurry?
I'm lonely here, yes, I'm holding on,
With the phone pressed to my ear . . .
The themes of sadness and loneliness that are so much a part of most Rock 'n' Roll numbers are reflected in this song," said Esther, "and I think the melody is a good one. With the right artist, I think it could be a hit."

A practical nurse from Waterloo, Iowa, Esther Brase has lived in Tucson for eight years, coming here for health reasons. She is a former Sunday School teacher and the walls of her small apartment are dotted with photographs of former pupils, patients, and nephews and nieces.

"I have no family of my own," she said touching the gold pin at her throat, "but these are all my children."

The radio was playing softly and on the coffee table were a Bible and the demonstration record of "Long Distance, Please." On one wall was a plaque that said, "Keep Thyself Pure," and on another, a color photograph of Oral Roberts.

Esther says she just puts words on paper as they come to mind. "I have gobs of songs half-written. I'll finish them when I have a notion to," she said. "Some I've done are good, others I just throw away and wonder why I ever wrote them." She has written as many as a half-dozen songs at a sitting.

A table held a stack of worn fan magazines and Esther thumbed through some of them as she talked, pointing out a few of her favorites.

Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson, Frankie Avalon, Fabian. "I really don't think Fabian is a good singer, but he's such a wonderful boy. I've read all about him. And here's Jimmy Clanton. I've almost worn out this color picture of him just looking at it."

"From the time I wake up in the morning until I go to sleep at night, I listen to the radio. And always the Top 40 music. I just can't see why some people don't like the Top 40—the Rock 'n' Roll—the modern music. After all, who would want to drive a Model T when the V-8 is out?" Esther smiled.

"No, indeed, Rock 'n' Roll doesn't belong to just the teen-agers," she said. "There's something in it for all of us. Why, just listen to this melody and beat."

Esther Brase reached over and turned the radio louder.

Hare Of The Dog

Mr. Rabbit is a real dandy. The Beau Brummel of Bunnies, as it were.

He has taken up residence with us; in the bedroom, yet.

Now may it be said at the outset that Mr. Rabbit is no hare of the common, everyday variety. Indeed, he is a dignified chap with an intelligent whiskered face and a demeanor that demands respect.

He is slightly shorter than Leslie Ann, and arrived at our house complete with red trousers, a split-tailed morning coat of blue, black, green and yellow striped material, a celluloid collar fitted with a natty red and white polkadot tie, and a blue top hat, which is cocked at a sophisticated angle. In one paw he clutches a walking stick.

Mrs. Anonymous dropped by Saturday afternoon and presented us with Mr. Rabbit, who had been in her family for years. She said having the creature around the house might help me remember to say "Rabbit" immediately upon awakening on first mornings of months.

And how right she was. Even the bleariest of eyes could not overlook him right there on top of the dresser.

Of all words I have ever uttered—or even thought of uttering—bright and early on a New Year's Morning, "Rabbit" is not one.

But Bingo—I remembered. First thing.

Now we will see if there is anything to this "Rabbit" nonsense.

HOTEL BURNS

18 Persons Die In Frisco Fire

By JOHN BARNETT

SAN FRANCISCO—UPI—A small fire that was believed to have been extinguished suddenly erupted into a general alarm blaze in the Thomas Hotel early today and at least 18 persons were killed. Fire officials said the toll may go higher.

Firemen said the blaze started in the first floor room of Raymond Gorman, 62. They ordered him arrested on suspicion of manslaughter.

Gorman and 37 other persons, including two policemen and two firemen, were treated at emergency hospitals for smoke inhalation and other injuries suffered as the fire turned the five-story, low-rate hotel into an inferno.

Most of the 150 occupants of the half century old building were elderly pensioners. The brick structure was located at 5th and Mission Sts. in downtown San Francisco.

Gorman admitted freely to newsmen that he had been drinking the night before and

"I was feeling no pain." Witnesses said the fire started when Gorman dropped a cigarette in his mattress in his first floor room.

Fire Chief William Murray said Gorman and a neighbor thought they had extinguished the fire and went back to sleep. But the mattress rekindled during the night, causing the inferno, Murray said.

As the blaze swept through the building, occupants leaped in night clothes into fire nets and down light wells onto mattresses hastily placed in position by the 200 firemen who responded to the blaze. Firemen helped others down ladders.

Africans Threaten To Pull Troops From U. N. Force

CASABLANCA, Morocco—UPI—Five neutralist African states threatened today to pull their troops out of the U.N. force in the Congo unless the United Nations restores deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba to power in the strife-torn republic.

Kitt Peak Office Size Doubling

By JOHN RIDDICK

Construction begun today will more than double the size of the Kitt Peak National Observatory headquarters on Cherry Avenue.

The M. J. Lang Construction Co. of Tucson yesterday was given a \$500,000 contract to build approximately 25,000 square feet of floor space.

"This completes our presently planned construction," Ralph Patey, business manager, said today.

Kitt Peak (which is run by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy) has a city block for its headquarters on Cherry avenue across from the university.

With National Science Foundation funds, it also is building a number of telescopes on Kitt Peak, 40 miles to the southwest on the Papago Indian Reservation.

The 80 astronomers and staff members are now working in a 22,000 square foot structure completed a year ago on Cherry avenue.

"This building was intended to support our stellar division," Patey said. "We have also taken on solar and space astronomy functions and these two divisions will be housed in the new addition."

M. J. Lang will be expected to complete the new office and laboratory space along with shop facilities in 210 days.

One unusual part of the new construction will be a 160 foot long vacuum tube which will be used to test the mirrors to be put in Kitt Peak's solar telescope—the largest of its type in the world.

The length is needed because of the huge (300-foot) focal length being built into the telescope which will be partly underground. The vacuum will cut out the distorting turbulence of air.

The tube will be built of 10-foot wide steel tanks sunk in a 17-foot deep ditch.

As with the present structure, the new addition will be built largely of cement blocks. The architect is Edward J. Varney & Associates of Phoenix.

Leaders of Morocco, the United Arab Republic, Guinea, Ghana and Mali issued the virtual ultimatum in protest against the United Nations' alleged anti-Lumumba policy in the Congo. Troops from the five nations make up about one-third of the 19,000-man U.N. force.

Main points of the joint Congo policy were worked out yesterday at the "Little African Summit" conference, also attended by representatives of Ceylon and Libya and Premier Ferhat Abbas of the Algerian provisional government. The delegates put final touches on their agreements before concluding the conference today.

The conference also agreed to support a plan for a U.N.-sponsored referendum in Algeria on the French territory's future.

The African leaders set no date for the threatened troop withdrawals from the Congo, thereby leaving the door open for further negotiations with U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

The Congo policy marked a compromise for President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana. Previously he had resisted pressure from the other African leaders to join them in threatening to withdraw Ghanaian forces from the Congo unless the United Nations changed its policy there. None actually has pulled out any troops yet.

TUCSON TONIGHT, TOMORROW

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings listed in this column are open to the public without charge.

TONIGHT

8 p.m.—Tucson Camera Club, Room 111, BPA Building, UA campus. (See sports section for sports calendar).

Grande's Pinal Job Short-Lived

FLORENCE—UPI—Art Grande of Tucson had a short term as Pinal County civil deputy.

Grande, named only this week by sheriff-elect Coy De Arman, resigned for press of personal business in Tucson. Grande is a former Pima County undersheriff.

Peace Talk With Rebels Is De Gaulle's Pledge



—Citizen Photo

A MOTHER FOR MAVERICK

Sandy, with three black beagle pups of her own, is pinch-hitting for the dead mother of Maverick (left center), owned by Mrs. J. W. Reid, of 5124 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. Maverick's mother died when he was born. Desperate to save him, Mrs. Reid took Maverick to the

Tucson Humane Society where Sandy readily accepted him. Maverick's mother was a prize-winning, purebred Australian shepherd. When weaned, he will be retrieved by Mrs. Reid.

U. S. Envoy's Car Bombed In Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia—UPI—Unidentified dynamite believed to be Communists bombed U.S. Ambassador Carl W. Strom's car in the street here last night, damaging it but injuring no one.

Strom's 1960 Chrysler was parked outside the university auditorium, where his wife was rehearsing with La Paz's American choir, when the bomb was thrown from a passing truck. Strom was at home at the time.

The Stroms' chauffeur was standing near the auditorium door when the bomb went off. The car was unoccupied.

The ambassador protested to Foreign Minister Eduardo Arze Quiroga about the bombing, which was the fifth time he had been attacked or heckled recently by "Communist elements" here.

Goldwater Introduces Five Bills

WASHINGTON—UPI—A bill to prohibit broadcasting of general election returns by radio or television stations earlier than midnight (EST) on election night has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.

Goldwater told the Senate the practice of early broadcasts is unfair in the West. He claimed western voting could be influenced by broadcast of East Coast returns to western areas before their polls are closed.

Four other bills introduced by Goldwater called for:

Establishment of a "non-mineral public land study committee" to improve the efficiency and economy of public lands' administration.

Creation of a national monument at Bowie, Ariz.

Transfer title of 81 acres of public land to the Cocopah Indians near Yuma.

Permit Indian tribes to obtain surplus government property, such as farm machinery.

WARRANT QUASH SOUGHT

Plea Would End Perfetto Search

By TOM DUDDLESTON

Court proceedings aimed at cancelling warrants and ending a nationwide search for Rudy G. Perfetto have been launched by the attorney for the missing Tucson restaurateur.

Papers were filed late yesterday by Walter M. Stevenson asking the Superior Court to quash the action of Justice of the Peace Alice N. Truman who issued a bench warrant and ordered a \$3,000 bond forfeited when Perfetto failed to appear Dec. 21 in an assault case.

Stevenson charged in an application for a writ of prohibition or writ of certiorari that Judge Truman exceeded her jurisdiction and "abused" failing to dismiss the assault complaint, signed by Perfetto's wife, Diana.

Perfetto is sought by authorities for questioning in the slaying Dec. 13 of Louis Janssen, 25, who fell dead in the street of a bullet wound after leaving the scene of a rendezvous.

Issuance of the warrant by Judge Truman led to the obtaining of a federal fugitive warrant by authorities and put the FBI in the search.

ALSO NAMED with Judge Truman as a party in the Stevenson proceedings is Sheriff Waldon V. Burr, whose men would serve the state warrant.

In his action, Stevenson charged County Attorney Harry Ackerman with abuse of his authority by refusing to dismiss the assault charge when requested to do so by Mrs. Perfetto.

The papers also are aimed at clearing up one point that was in question at the preliminary hearing Dec. 21—whether Stevenson had been officially retained by Perfetto to represent him in the assault case.

STEVENSON said at the time that he had represented Perfetto and Marco's Restaurants, of which Perfetto was then an officer, and that he felt he was right in appearing for him.

The application for the writs says, while Stevenson was not clear on this point at the hearing, that between Dec. 8 and Dec. 10 Perfetto called Stevenson and retained him in the case.

Stevenson says he spoke to Perfetto on Dec. 12 and that Perfetto told him there would be no proceedings because his wife had acted to dismiss the case.

Stevenson also charged that Judge Truman exceeded her jurisdiction in the assault case by refusing to allow Perfetto to waive appearance in person at the scheduled hearing.

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New Center At Ft. Grant Is Opposed

PHOENIX—UPI—Representatives of the Tucson and Phoenix community councils appeared before the State Planning and Building Commission today in opposition to the proposed expenditure of \$3 million for a rehabilitation center at Ft. Grant.

Backed by the chief juvenile probation officers of Maricopa and Pima counties, the representatives said they were not opposed to the creation of the intermediate juvenile rehabilitation facility.

They said, however, that such a facility should be located in either Phoenix or Tucson, the state's population centers, so it could utilize community resources.

The rehabilitation center would provide a program for delinquent juveniles who the courts believe should not be sent to the Ft. Grant Industrial School.

Directors of the industrial school included the \$3 million figure in their request for the intermediate facility in an appropriation request.

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MORE CELLS NEEDED

Denver City Jail Bulges With Incarcerated Cops

DENVER—UPI—The city jail did not have enough cells today to hold all the policemen under arrest—and more were expected.

Patrolmen Jack S. Snodgrass, 32, and Keith L. Hutton, 38, were transferred to the county jail after the arrest

of two more officers last night.

Four policemen were arrested yesterday on suspicion of burglary. In all, nine Denver patrolmen now are in custody, accused of belonging to one or the other of two burglary rings which Chief James Childers believes has

been operating in the department for more than a year.

All are being held in separate cells to prevent communication with one another. This has taxed the city jail.

"We expect to make more arrests later," Childers said after patrolmen Hutton, Carl L. Tollefson, 36, Bobbie G.

Whaley, 34, and George J. Zellner were locked up yesterday and last night.

Whaley and Hutton are officers in the Denver police union. Both were under suspension recently for violation of department rules.

There were three arrests Wednesday and one on Sunday.

The first city policeman implicated in a burglary was Arthur Winstanley, 25.

Winstanley was convicted in November of conspiring with Eugene A. Haas, 31, to rob a safe.

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